

## Town Heavily Guarded Londonderry Estate After 2 Zinc Workers Valued at \$4,087,016 Are Shot in Fight

By the Associated Press  
FAIRMONT CITY, Ill., June 18.—An uneasy quiet prevailed today in this industrial village where bitter union rivalry exploded into a riot.

Two men were shot and six were severely beaten in a fight which broke out last night among about 300 striking workers of the American Zinc Co. plant here. Wives of many of the union men were in the milling, shouting crowd that gathered in front of the City Hall.

Authorities restored order about midnight, three hours after the fighting began. State police and sheriff's deputies patrolled the streets of the community, just across the Mississippi River from St. Louis.

Most of the persons who took part in the melee are members of rival CIO unions—the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers and the Progressive Metal Workers' Council. The Smelter Workers union has been on strike against the company for 10 months. The rival union, favoring settlement of the strike, failed by a narrow margin last Tuesday to win bargaining rights.

**Two in Serious Condition.**  
Shot through the chest, Joseph Petroski, 35, and Emenio Rodriguez, 38, were in a serious condition in an East St. Louis hospital. Mr. Petroski is a former financial secretary of Local 82 of the Smelter Workers' Union. Mr. Rodriguez is a member of the local's strike committee.

Among those beaten during the riot were Joseph and Angelo Verdu, brothers who head the Metal Workers' Council, and Palmer Ryan, 33. Ryan was arrested at the scene and later charged with assault with intent to murder.

The crowd gathered outside the City Hall while Joseph Verdu and two others were making bond. They had been arrested and booked suspected of carrying concealed weapons, on complaint of members of the union. Angelo Verdu, learning of the arrests, arrived on the scene with three other men.

"All hell broke loose then," Police Chief Arthur J. Wylie said. "The crowd was definitely in a lynch mood. The women in the crowd were like wildcats. They were screaming hysterically and shouted 'Let us at them.'"

State police and sheriff's deputies were summoned here from nearby communities.

**Reject Metal Workers.**  
Employees of the big zinc plant voted last Tuesday, 373 to 339, against the Metal Workers' Council as their bargaining agent. The Smelter Workers' Union was not on the ballot because its officers have not signed non-Communist oaths.

The Metal Workers filed a protest yesterday with the NLRB, seeking a new election. "They charged the rival union with 'intimidation and improper electioneering.'"

The strike started originally because the company refused to bargain with the Smelter Workers.

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LONDON, June 18.—The Marquess of Londonderry, prewar British minister of aviation, left an estate of £1,021,754 (\$4,087,016).

Under a will filed today, the bulk of the estate—which includes mines and industries in Northern Ireland and England and numerous race horses—was left to his only son, Edward, who succeeded to Lord Londonderry's title.

The son, the eighth marquess, also received the family "state coach" and the "writing table on which the Treaties of Paris and Vienna were signed." Lord Londonderry directed that these objects be "held as heirlooms with the title."

Lord Londonderry died at the age of 70 last February 11 of injuries suffered in a glider crash in 1946. His will said that during his life time he had made adequate provision for his wife and three daughters.

The will, drawn up in 1945, asked that his Irish estate, near Newtownards, Northern Ireland be maintained in "the high tradition of the Londonderry family."

Lord Londonderry was minister of aviation from 1931 to 1935.

### St. Marys Soroptimists Study Dental Clinic Plan

Special Dispatch to The Star  
LEONARDTOWN, Md., June 18.—The St. Marys County Soroptimist Club will meet at Hotel St. Marys here Monday to decide whether to sponsor a dental clinic for elementary school children.

A spokesman for the club said reports that the program would be sponsored by the county's public and parochial schools were incorrect.

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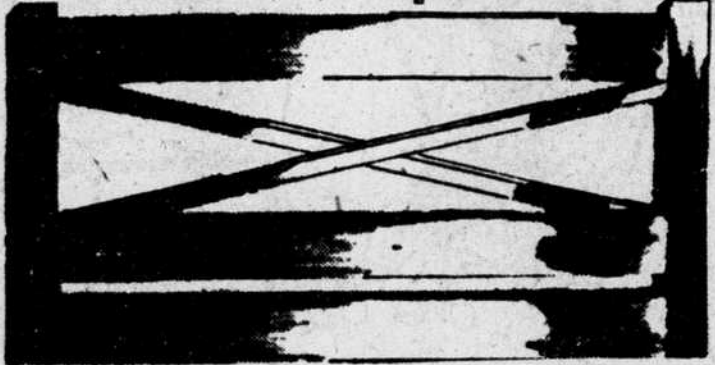
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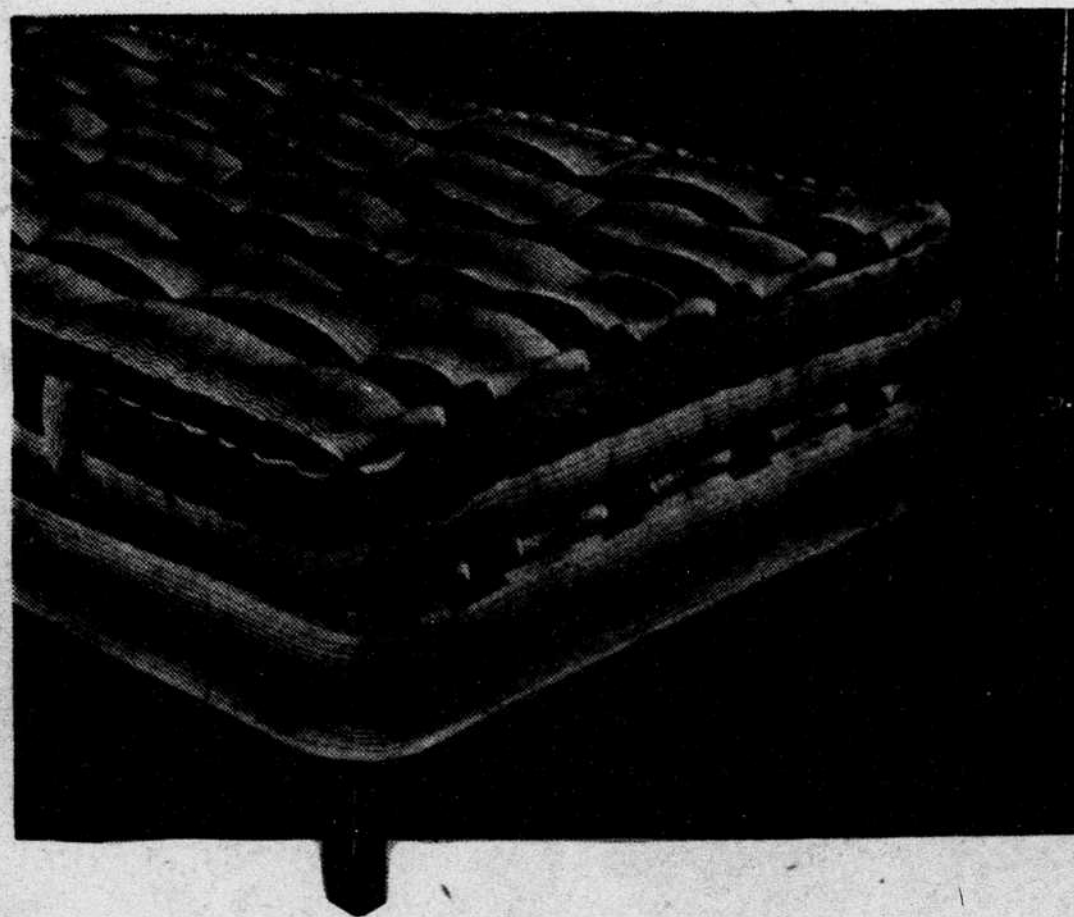
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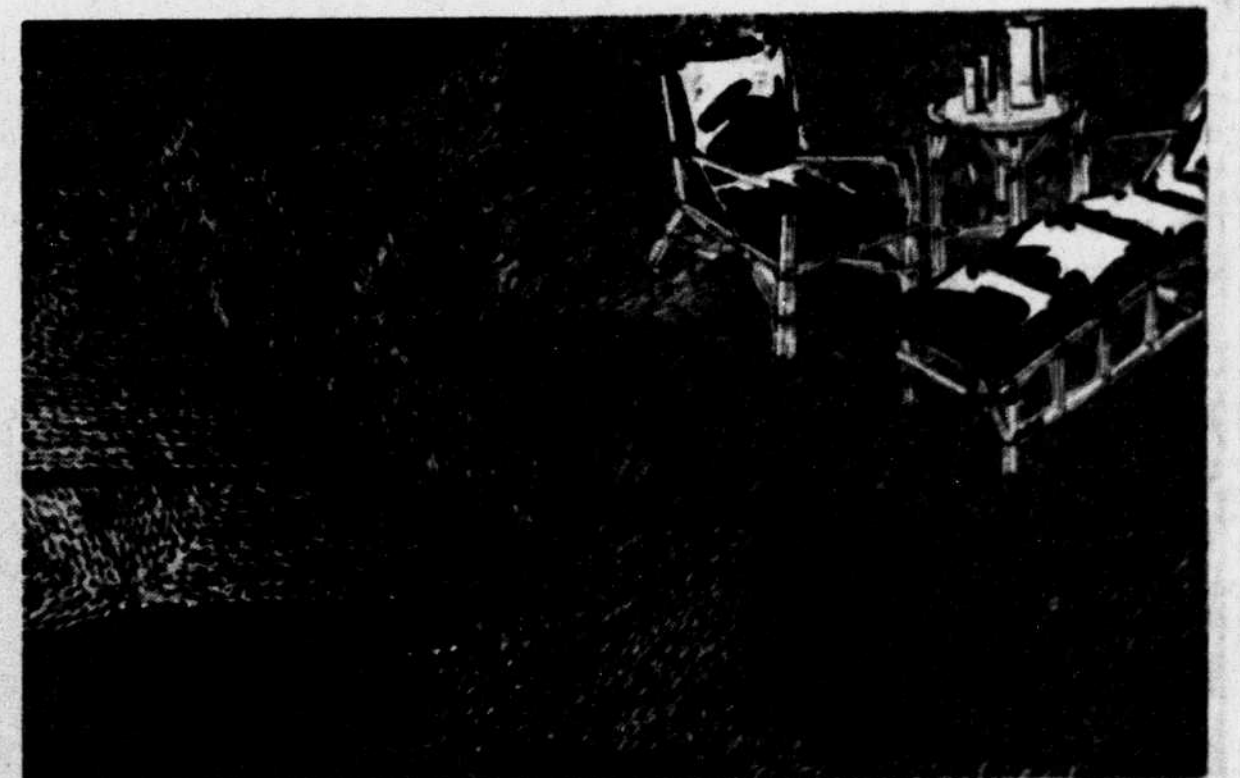


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